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**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, yet another week of learning concludes. I have had the pleasure of witnessing the school being the very busy hive of activity that it is each week, especially with today's focus on the meaning of charity.

## **Comic Relief**

Throughout the day, the whole school community have been working collaboratively in an endurance challenge of keeping a parachute off the ground from 9:00am until 2:30pm. We have seen children keeping exercise balls, teddies and 'red noses' on the parachute in a bid to accomplish the challenge set of them! I am pleased to inform you that Ackton Pastures **SUCCEDED** in being superheroes across the day!



We, of course, have taken on this feat to raise money for those absolutely desperate for support. We appreciate any cashless donations you have made already through the Comic Relief website. If you have not yet donated, please follow the link at [Donate | Comic Relief](#).

## **Ukrainian Awareness Day**

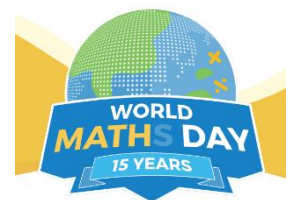


On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, we, as a school, will be taking more time to consider the tragic circumstances our fellow Europeans are experiencing. We are offering our children the chance to show their support by dressing in yellow and blue to represent the colours of the Ukrainian flag.

School will plan in extra time across the day to reflect on this. We are also continuing to collect spare blankets, bedding, warm coats and jackets for those who have had to leave their homes. If you do wish to support this cause, please drop off these essential items at the school office.

## **World Maths Day**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the school team will be taking part in 'World Maths Day'! This will be a fantastic opportunity for children to embrace all things mathematics, with a special theme this year of 'Maths in the Movies'. Children may spend time counting the number of doors in 'Encanto' or using their knowledge of money to plan a tea-party for the Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland*. Check out our Twitter for pictures on the day! @IPMATAckton



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### Punctuality

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the importance of punctuality. We, as a school, already offer a flexible 'rolling entry' where children can attend school from 8:45am. School officially starts at 9:00am, with core learning happening immediately. It is so very important that your children are in school on time so that they do not miss vital learning, which does impact on the progress your children make.

Additionally, please ensure you are collecting your children promptly at the end of each day. There have been a number of incidents recently where children have not been collected by the agreed school finish time. Please note, if a pattern of late collection of your children forms, we may have no choice but communicating this to external services.

### Contact Numbers/Response

Please can you ensure that we have your most recent contact details. There are a growing number of incidents where we are unable to get through to any of the contacts identified on your child's school records. Be reminded that we may ring through on a withheld number at times and will always follow with a text. It is imperative that at least one contact is contactable each day in case of emergencies.

### Picture News

Please find below the Picture News discussion poster that we have reflected on this week during our key stage assemblies. We considered the act of bravery and understood the bravery of the Ukrainian president – Volodymyr Zelenskyy.



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## Attendance

RL	97.3%
RP	95%
1C	94.8%
1/2S	92.9%
2V	97.9%
3B	97.6%
3/4H	91.1%
4S	100%
5AP	93.3%
5/6L	99.2%
6W	95.7%
Whole school:	93.5%

Congratulations to all those classes with a percentage above our school target of 97% and a special congratulations to **Miss Siddall's class - 4S** - who had the highest percentage this week with a perfect 100%!

## Term Dates

Monday 4th April – Class Photographs

Week beginning 4th April - Parent/Carer consultations

Friday 8th April – Break up for Easter

Monday 25th April – Children return to school

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th May – Staff training day (school used for Polling Station) – school closed to children

Friday 20th May – Break up for Half Term Break

Monday 6th June – Children return to school

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Mrs R. Taylor

Interim Headteacher

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